

REMARKS

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 23, 2004.

**Claims 1-8, 10-35, and 37-69** are pending in the application.

**Claims 10-35 and 37-45** have been deemed allowable.

**Claims 4-8, 49-53, 57-61, and 65-69** are under objection.

**Claims 1-3, 46-48, 54-56 and 62-64** stand rejected.

**Claims 9 and 36** were previously cancelled.

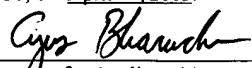
**Claims 1, 46, 54, 60, and 62-65** have been amended.

The Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for discussing this application with the Applicant's representatives in a telephone interview on March 24, 2005. The interview related to the allowability of the claims. The claims have been amended in harmony with the discussion shared with the Examiner. No new matter has been added to the application.

CONCLUSION

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450, on April 14, 2005.

  
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